

21 U.S. Urban Agriculture Public Garden-Community Partner Collaborations Awarded Funds



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The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) and American Public Gardens Association (Association) have partnered to support public gardens and their communities in engaging in urban agriculture and food-growing to address food security challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This week, the USBG and the Association awarded \$403,450 to 21 public garden partnerships across the United States that will foster public engagement and education in urban food growing and build capacity for community programs. The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program aims to strengthen collaborations, promote resilience, and gather best practices from across the U.S.

These funds will help participating programs in 16 states and Washington, D.C. integrate urban food growing and education while addressing food insecurity and facing their communities. The program seeks to leverage the strength of public gardens working with partners in their communities, ranging from community gardens and urban farms to food pantries, community gardens, local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program will provide insight into successful approaches and future opportunities for public gardens and their partners to creatively utilize their unique assets to advance urban agriculture education in urban communities.

"The past year has underscored the widespread interest in, and need for, urban agriculture programs that address food insecurity. We are excited to build on the success of last year's Urban Agriculture Resilience Program and support innovative collaborations between public gardens and diverse partners in their communities," said Dr. Charles Chapotin, executive director of the U.S. Botanic Garden. "It's inspiring to see these partners coming together to extend the reach and deepen the impact of

"We are proud to continue to partner with the U.S. Botanic Garden and offer these awards that provide opportunities to directly address knowledge gaps across communities nationwide," said Casey Sclar, executive director of the American Public Gardens Association. "Through these awards we also will continue to make successful partnerships possible, helping more gardens to be the resilient centers of their communities."

The Urban Agriculture Resilience Program began in 2020 as a way for the USBG and the Association to help public gardens continue urban agriculture and address funding and capacity challenges due to COVID-19.

Public garden and community partner collaborations awarded 2021 funding include:

Alabama

* Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens, in collaboration with Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, and Community

Arizona

* Desert Botanical Garden, in collaboration with Unlimited Potential, TigerMountain Foundation, The Orchard Community Learning Center, and Roosevelt

Colorado

* The Gardens on Spring Creek, in collaboration with Food Bank for Larimer County

Delaware

* Delaware Center for Horticulture, in collaboration with Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

District of Columbia

* Friends of the National Arboretum, in collaboration with the U.S. National Arboretum

Georgia

* Atlanta Botanical Garden, in collaboration with Friends of Refugees and Global Growers Network

* Trees Atlanta, in collaboration with the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Resilience and the City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation

Illinois

* The Morton Arboretum, in collaboration with Homan Grown, Stone Temple Baptist Church, and Permaculture Chicago Teaching Institute

Michigan

* University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, in collaboration with Oakland Avenue Urban Farm, Detroit Black Community Food Network, and Town Farm

Minnesota

* Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, in collaboration with Pillsbury United Communities, WE WIN Institute, St. Paul City Schools, Plymouth Christian Youth Center, Place, North Point Health & Wellness Center Community Food Shelf, and CAP Agency Food Shelf

Missouri

* EarthDance, in collaboration with The Vine at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Restorative Justice Movement, and BTC St. Vincent's Food Pantry

New York

* Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center, in collaboration with The New York Botanical Garden, Morris Campus Farm, La Finca del Sur, and Morning Glory

* Queens Botanical Garden, in collaboration with La Jornada Food Pantry at Queens Museum

North Carolina

* Ability Garden, in collaboration with New Hanover County Arboretum and Cooperative Extension, Wilmington Housing Authority

Ohio

* Holden Forests & Gardens, in collaboration with Revolutionary Love Garden, Have a Hive, and Lettuce Tree Farms

Pennsylvania

- * Grumblethorpe Historic House & Gardens (PhilaLandmarks), in collaboration with Chef Gail Hinson, Johnson House Historic Site, and Historic Fair Hill
- * Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, in collaboration with East Park Revitalization Alliance, Neighborhood Gardens Trust
- * Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, in collaboration with Homewood-Brushton YMCA

Tennessee

- * Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, in collaboration with The Museum of Infinite Outcomes

Washington

- * University of Washington Botanic Gardens, in collaboration with w@l@b?altxw - Intellectual House, UW Nutritional Sciences Program, UW Neighborhood and UW Program on the Environment

Wyoming

- * Friends of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, in collaboration with Wyoming Hunger Initiative

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Online media folder of urban agriculture images from some recipient programs

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About the United States Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is the oldest continuously operating public garden in the United States. The Garden informs visitors about the i fundamental value and diversity of plants, as well as their aesthetic, cultural, economic, therapeutic, and ecological significance. With over a million visitors strives to demonstrate and promote sustainable practices. The U.S. Botanic Garden is a living plant museum accredited by the American Alliance of Muse Conservation International. www.USBG.gov

About the American Public Gardens Association

The American Public Gardens Association is the leading professional organization for the field of public horticulture. We advance the field by encouraging educational and networking opportunities, and advocating on behalf of our members, our programs and public gardens worldwide. We work together with to strengthen and shape public horticulture, providing the tools and support industry professionals need to better serve the public while preserving and cele and sustainably.

Since 1940, we have been committed to increasing cooperation and awareness among gardens. Our members include more than 600 institutions, spanning Columbia, Canada, and 20 countries. Our members include, but are not limited to, botanic gardens, arboreta, zoos, museums, colleges and universities, d research facilities.

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